Amendment of Land Acquisition Act, 1894

1365. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to amend Land Acquisition Act, 1894;

(b) if so, by when;

(c) whether any State Governments have proposed any amendment to section 23, 28 and 34;

(d) if so, which State Governments and the details of amendment proposed;

(e) whether Government is considering to reimburse the additional financial implications on account of amendment in section 23, when there is a probability to increase the financial burden on the State exchequer;

(f) whether Government propose to delete Section 38—44;

(g) whether any State Government has opposed the deletion; and

(h) whether the Government intends to put restriction on acquisition of land for the private companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Land Acquisition (Amendment) Bill, 2007 was introduced in the Lok Sabha during the Winter Session, 2007 of the Parliament. Presently, the Bill is being considered by the Standing Committee on Rural Development.

(c) to (e) No State Government has proposed any such amendment. However, in clause 19 of the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Bill, 2007, it has been proposed that in section 23 of the principle Act, (i) in sub-section (1), in item "first", after the words "market value of the land", the words, figures and letters "in terms of section 11B" shall be inserted; and (ii) in sub-section (2), for the words "a sum of thirty per cent on such market-value" "sum of sixty per centum on such market-value" shall be substituted. Nothing else has been proposed in respect of the financial implication, etc. of this proposal.

(f) to (h) Provisions of Part VII of the principal Act relating to "Acquisition of land for companies" covering sections 38 to 44B (both inclusive) are proposed to be omitted. No State Government has opposed this so far.

Guidelines for effective implementation of Centrally sponsored rural employment Schemes

1366. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has advised the State Governments to ensure conducive environment for the effective implementation of Centrally sponsored rural employment schemes;

(b) if so, whether the guidelines issued for the successful implementation of NREGA are being followed in letter and spirit;